

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A digital camera ~~comprising~~ comprising:

a storage space having a storage capacity;

a digital image file residing in the storage space, the digital image file being created at a first time and having a first file size; and

a means for saving in the storage space an additional digital image in a storage space containing a stored digital image that has insufficient space for the additional digital image, file created at a second time after the first time and having a second file size that is expected to be greater than a difference between the storage capacity and the first file size, wherein the means reduces the size of the stored at the second time reduces only the second file size of the additional digital image by resetting adjusting one or both of [[the]] a resolution of the additional digital image to be less than a currently-set resolution and [[the]] a compression ratio of the additional stored digital image. image to be greater than a currently-set compression ratio.

Claims 2-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the digital camera further comprises a setting device that cooperates with the means for allows prompting a user to [[set]] select which one or both of the resolution and the compression ratio of the additional digital image are to be adjusted. for the signal processed by the image signal processor.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The digital camera of claim 1, further comprising a display means that displays information about [[the]] a number of remaining images that can be stored [[on]] in the storage space means and according to at least one resolution that is less

than the currently-set resolution and according to at least one compression ratio that is greater than the currently-set compression ratio. ratio of the images saved on the storage means.

Claims 9-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A digital camera ~~comprising~~ comprising:

- (a) an imaging means that ~~takes a picture of~~ captures a subject's image and generates an image ~~signal,~~ signal;
- (b) an image signal processing means that performs predetermined conversion and compression processes on the image signal ~~and generates digital image information, for generating a digital image file;~~
- (c) a storage means that stores the digital image ~~information,~~ file, the storage means having a storage capacity;
- (d) a setting means that allows a user to set ~~[[the]]~~ a resolution and a compression ratio at which the image signal is processed by the image signal processing ~~means;~~ means, and
- (e) a control means that sends the resolution and the compression ratio set by the setting means to the image signal processing ~~means;~~ means; and
a means for determining a difference between the storage capacity and a file size of the image file, and for comparing the difference with an expected file size of a newly-captured image,
wherein the means for determining controls the image signal processing means ~~changes to~~ change one or both of the resolution and the compression ratio set by the setting means for only the newly-captured image when the ~~storage means has an insufficient space to store new images;~~ expected file size is greater than the difference.

Claims 12-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (previously presented): The digital camera of claim 11, further comprising a display means that displays information about the number of remaining images that can be stored on the storage means and resolution and compression ratio of the images saved on the storage means.

Claim 15-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (new): A method for saving images in a digital camera including a storage means, the method comprising:

- capturing an image at a first time;
- processing the image to generate an image file having a file size;
- storing the image file to the storage means;
- capturing an additional image at a second time after the first time;
- determining, at the second time, an available storage capacity of the storage means;
- comparing the available storage capacity with an expected file size of an additional image file corresponding to the additional image;
- according to the comparing step, automatically adjusting only the expected file size of the additional image to be a reduced file size that is less than or equal to the available storage capacity;
- processing the additional image to generate the additional image file having the reduced file size; and
- storing the additional image file to the storage means.

Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 19 wherein the comparing step comprises:

- determining the expected file size according to a resolution that is set at the second time and a compression ratio that is set at the second time; and
- determining a difference between the available storage capacity and the expected file size.

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 20 wherein the automatically adjusting step comprises:

- determining which one or both of the resolution and the compression ratio that is set at the second time is to be changed; and
- changing one or both of the resolution and the compression ratio that is set at the second time.